

ENTERED

February 21, 2018

David J. Bradley, Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.
KEVIN LAWRENCE

ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), the Government moved for detention in this case. I conclude that the following facts are established by a preponderance of the evidence or clear and convincing evidence and require the detention of the defendant pending trial in this case.

Findings of Fact

[] A. Findings of Fact [18 U.S.C. § 3142(e), § 3142(f)(1)].

[] (1) The defendant has been convicted of a (federal offense) (state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if a circumstance giving rise to federal jurisdiction had existed) that is

[] a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4).

[] an offense for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or death.

[] an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 U.S.C. () § 801 et seq. () § 951 et seq. () § 955(a).

[] a felony that was committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1) (A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses.

[] (2) The offense described in finding 1 was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state or local offense.

[] (3) A period of not more than five years has elapsed since the (date of conviction) (release of the defendant from imprisonment) for the offense described in finding 1.

[] (4) Findings Nos. 1, 2, and 3 establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of any other person and the community. I further find that the defendant has not rebutted this presumption.

[] B. Findings of Fact [18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)]

- [] (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense
 - [] for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 U.S.C.
 - () § 801 et seq. () § 951 et seq. () § 955(a).
 - [] under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).
- [] (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding 1 that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

[X] C. Findings of Fact [18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(2)]

- [X] (1) Defendant is accused of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marihuana in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841 (a)(1) and 841 (b)(1)(B), possession with intent to distribute marihuana in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 (a)(1), 841 (b)(1)(B) and 18 U.S.C. § 2, and use of communication facility to possess with intent to distribute marihuana in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 843 (b) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.
- [X] (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will flee.
- [X] (3) Defendant represents a danger to the community.
- [] (4) There is a serious risk that the defendant will (obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice) (threaten, injure, or intimidate a prospective witness or juror, or attempt to do so).

[X] D. Findings of Fact [18 U.S.C. § 3142(c)]

- [] (1) As a condition of release of the defendant, bond was set as follows:
- [] (2)

[X] (3) I find that there is no condition or combination of conditions set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(c) which will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required.

[X] (4) I find that there is no condition or combination of conditions set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(c) which will reasonably assure the safety of any other person or the community.

Written Statement of Reasons for Detention

I find that the accusations in the indictment and the information submitted in the Pretrial

Services Agency report establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and by clear and convincing evidence that no conditions will assure the safety of the community.

I conclude that the following factors specified in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g) are present and are to be taken into account:

1. Defendant's criminal history includes a charge for conspiracy to posses with intent to distribute a controlled substance. For this charge, defendant was sentenced to 36 months imprisonment, followed by a 3 year term of supervised release. According to the revocation judgement, defendant violated a mandatory condition of supervised release (found in possession of marihuana and \$23,098 after a routine traffic stop). Defendant has also been fined for assault and battery on a police officer, failure to comply, disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and interfering with a police officer.
2. Defendant's dismissed charges consists of: assault and battery, simple assault, failure to comply, destroying private property, trespassing, domestic abuse, harassing phone calls, stalking, possession of marijuana (2-4 oz.), evading arrest or detention, and disturbing the peace. Defendant's charges where the dispositions are unknown consists of: possession of marihuana with intent to distribute, disorderly conduct, simple assault on a police officer, aggravated assault on a police officer, and possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.
3. Evidence at the hearing indicates that defendant was a leader in a cocaine and marihuana trafficking organization in 2013. He was considered a fugitive from justice until his arrest in early February 2018.
4. Law enforcement twice unsuccessfully attempted to arrest the defendant on February 2018. On both occasions, defendant evaded arrest after high speed chases on busy Houston streets, endangering the public. He was finally apprehended on February 8 after again attempting to flee on foot.
5. Defendant has not rebutted the statutory presumptions that he is a flight risk and a danger to the community.
6. There is no condition or combination of conditions of release which would assure the appearance of the defendant in court or the safety of the community. Detention is ordered.

Directions Regarding Detention

It is therefore ORDERED that the defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel.

On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with all court proceedings.

Signed at Houston, Texas, on February 21, 2018.



Stephen Wm Smith
United States Magistrate Judge